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HOUSE PASSES KUZMAN'S DESIGN-BUILD CONTRACT LEGISLATION

INDIANAPOLIS – Today the Indiana House of Representatives passed a bill dealing with design-build contracts for public works projects. State Rep. Bob Kuzman (D-Crown Point) was a co-sponsor of the bill.

Under Senate Bill 244, state-regulated bodies would be authorized to enter into design-build contracts for the creation of public works projects. Design-build contracts grant a single agency the opportunity to both design and build a facility.

The contracts would be awarded by a technical review committee, which will include at least one registered architect, professional engineer, and qualified contractor.

"Design-build contracts are a very effective way to save money on new construction projects," said Kuzman. "Giving state agencies the opportunity to utilize this kind of contract will save the government a substantial amount of money, which means the public is not spending as many tax dollars on these public works projects."

The bill specifies strict guidelines under which the committee can solicit and award the contracts. No conflicts of interest can exist between the members of the committee and any design-builder organization contending for the project.

Senate Bill 244 will now be sent to the Governor.